

IN THE TOMBS FOR DISASTER

Foreman of Fireworks Display Held by Coroner for Explosion Which Cost Many Lives.

EXPLAINS THE CAUSE OF IT.

Inquiry Begun by Officials to Fix Blame—Anxious Relatives and Friends at Hospital Gates Awaiting News.

Coroner Scholer to-day held John Craig in \$10,000 bail on the charge of manslaughter for the explosion of fireworks that cost thirteen lives and injured scores of persons at the celebration at Madison Square Garden last night. He was unable to give bail and was sent to the Tombs.

Craig was in charge of the display for the Palm Fireworks Company. John Stamm and William Ridley, two of the boy helpers, were held as witnesses for the inquest, which will be held on Tuesday next at 10 A. M. They were sent to the House of Detention in default of \$500 each.

To a reporter for The Evening World Craig this afternoon gave the first explanation of the cause of the explosion. He said:

"The explosion was directly due to the premature explosion of a bomb which had been placed in a mortar. All was in readiness to fire the charge of common black powder, which is employed to project the bomb into the air, when the bomb itself exploded inside the mortar. What caused the explosion it is difficult to state, unless the quick formation of gases may have been responsible.

A Rare Occurrence.

"It sometimes occurs that gases unaccountably form inside the bombs, which expand and cause the explosion. This is a rare circumstance, however, and has happened only once before to my personal knowledge. With the bursting of the bomb the heavy steel mortar containing it was shattered and the pieces of it scattered at high velocity in all directions.

"The concussion following the explosion caused the reserve stock of fireworks to explode. The fire could not have reached the stock, for it was carefully covered and kept at a distance, so one could have foreseen the accident, and no one was to blame. It was one of those unfortunate occurrences which no human agency could have prevented.

"We had four of the mortars on the ground and each weighed 150 pounds. They are made of steel and are carefully and regularly tested. I have the reputation of being a careful man in handling fireworks, and have never before had a serious accident, although I have witnessed the premature explosion of a mortar. Last night's accident was such as might happen even in a well regulated ordnance department."

No Limit in Permit.

Craig added that the company he represents had secured a permit for the temporary storage of fireworks in Madison Square, but the permit placed absolutely no limit on the amount of explosives to be stored there. Craig is regarded as an expert in managing fireworks displays. He has given exhibitions abroad and was recently sent to Cuba to take part in the celebration attending the installation of President Palma of the Cuban Republic.

Craig was informally examined to-day by Assistant District Attorney Schurman and Coroner Scholer. He told substantially the same story. The men and boys who were assigned last night to assist him at the Madison Square celebration also gave their versions of the accident.

Charles Harris, a driver; William Ridley, sixteen years old, a helper; Alfred and Frank Listman, brothers, who are star makers in the Palm factory at Parkville; James Pulliam, Joseph Stamm and Edward Smith, helpers, and Herman Rotjer, driver, said they simply knew that an explosion had occurred.

Norfolk Crowd Gathers.

A morbid crowd of about five hundred persons gathered around the scene at Twenty-fourth street and Madison avenue this morning, some of them waving "regimental" there all night wandering from one pool of blood to the other and making various comments on the cause of the fatal disaster.

District Attorney Jerome has assigned Assistants Sherman and Crane to investigate the explosion case. He himself visited the scene of the disaster last night and gave the following statement this morning:

"I got to the scene late last night when the victims had been carried away and the wreckage cleared up. It was too late for me to get much of an idea of what happened or how it occurred. We will first make an effort to find where the responsibility rests, whether the proper precautions were taken and whether the pieces should not have been stored at a distance and brought out as they were needed.

Coroner Says Criminal Neglect.

"It is a matter of criminal neglect," said the coroner. "One of the mortars was set off and it was pointed at a crowd of mortars in line with them. There was a defect in the bottom of the mortar

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BLACK DIAMOND EXPRESS WRECKED AND MANY HURT.

Fast Train on Lehigh Valley Road Crashes Against a Locomotive—Carrie Nation Among the Injured.

The Black Diamond Express of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which left Jersey City westward bound at 12:12 P. M. to-day, was wrecked in the Jersey meadows shops, east of Newark, about P. M., and fifteen people were more or less seriously hurt, one coach and the engine being overturned.

The Injured.

Among the injured was Carrie Nation, the saloon-smasher. Others injured were: Garner, William H., No. 375 Fifth street, Jersey City, porter on the train. Hull, Frank, No. 408 Putnam avenue, Jersey City.

McNelson, Samuel, colored, Shelbyville, Ind.

Engineer, name unknown.

The injured with the exception of Mrs. Nation were taken to St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City. It is feared that the engineer will die. Mrs. Nation suffered her journey by the first train. Her head was cut and one of her arms was bruised. Such of the other injured as were able to proceed went on to the West as soon as possible.

The train was running at the rate of forty miles an hour on one of the main tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which is used by the Lehigh Valley from Jersey City to Newark. When near the meadows shops, just outside Newark city limits, the train suddenly swung onto a siding where a Pennsylvania engine was standing.

The engineer and fireman of the Lehigh Valley engine saw that a collision was inevitable and at the last moment they jumped and escaped uninjured. The engineer of the Pennsylvania engine was not so fortunate and he went down in the crash which followed. The whole train load of passengers were violently shaken up but nobody was hurt among the passengers except those in the overturned coach.

One passenger and the engineer of the Pennsylvania engine were the only persons badly hurt according to the railroad company's report.

The General Superintendent of the Lehigh Valley said that he could not tell whether the switch which ran the train onto the siding was misplaced or out of order.

An investigation is being made by both the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania companies.

Long Wait for Ambulance.

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COULD'S WORKS OF ART BURNED

Ceiling Decorations Imported for the Financier's Home in Lakewood, N. J., Destroyed on the French Line Pier.

HE PAID \$5,000 FOR THEM.

Ceiling decorations from Paris valued at \$5,000 bought by George Gould for his country home at Lakewood, N. J., were destroyed by fire early to-day on the wharves of the French line steamships. Fireworks along the North River front is said to have caused the blaze. The fresco work was procured for Mr. Gould in August with no small trouble by Duveen Brothers, dealers in antiquities. It was shipped here on the steamship La Gasconne and for the last six days has been upon pier No. 42 awaiting appraisal by the Government officials.

"On account of the great size of the two cases which contained the plaster art, they were not placed in the public store room but kept in the bulkhead of the pier," said Supt. Japhet, of the steamship line, to an Evening World reporter to-day. "Yesterday being an American holiday, there was no one on the pier but the watchman, Tessler, who must have let some small boys get past his station at the entrance.

"He has learned that the boys were firing off rockets from the end of the wharf. In some mysterious manner the cases became ignited and pieces of decorative art were burned up."

Firemen extinguished the fire. An investigation by the police is in progress. It was stated that when Mr. Gould heard of the loss he placed a new order in the hands of his dealers, who are endeavoring to execute the commission within a fortnight.

HOODLUMS MOB POLICE.

Detroit Election Rioters Resent Interference with Their Gun.

DETROIT, Nov. 5.—Patrolman George A. Schoof is suffering from concussion of the brain and several other police officers are more or less seriously injured as the result of a wild election night demonstration by an unruly mob of 5,000 boys and men who paraded the streets of Detroit during the evening.

Property was ruthlessly sacrificed to bonfires, and even wagons and buggies were confiscated, piled high with bicycle racks and every available bit of wood and wheeled through the downtown streets all in flames. Efforts by the police to quell the disturbance led to attacks by the mob.

Robert Bergman Missing.

Robert Bergman, of No. 1 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, has been missing since Oct. 10. He is fifty-four years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighs 250 pounds. He has dark blue eyes, sandy hair and chin whiskers, and wears a dark gray suit, brown overcoat and black derby.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Lasslie Brom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25¢.

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As the answer came the audience clapped hands in acknowledgment of its approval of the witness. The court officers rapped for order. Justice Lambert smiled. It was fifteen seconds before the witness could suppress the enthusiasm of the audience.

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Melvor Won Ten Mile Trot.

An unusual trotting race took place at the Empire City Track Election Day between the brown horse Melvor, driven by Walter Kendall, and a trotter driven by Peter Melvor. The distance was ten miles and Melvor won rather easily in 22 minutes and 45 seconds. The match was for a large side bet and was witnessed by a big crowd of the owners' friends.

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REVISED FIGURES GIVE ODELL 10,798.

The following is a table of pluralities for Governor in New York State based on revised returns received up to 3 P. M.:

County.	Odell.	Coler.	County.	Odell.	Coler.
Albany	6,586	—	Onondaga	7,702	—
Allegany	3,839	—	Ontario	2,107	—
Broomfield	3,696	—	Oranget	4,105	—
Cattaraugus	4,241	—	Oswego	1,435	—
Cayuga	2,390	—	Oswego	2,976	—
Chautauqua	8,366	—	Putnam	1,798	—
Chemung	720	—	Queens	350	—
Chenango	2,200	—	Rensselaer	2,729	—
Clinton	4,200	—	Richmond	—	2,286
Columbia	1,263	—	Rockland	—	565
Cortland	1,946	—	St. Lawrence	7,476	—
Delaware	2,929	—	Saratoga	1,656	—
Dutchess	2,575	—	Schenectady	892	—
Essex	530	—	Schoharie	—	393
Franklin	2,694	—	Schuyler	811	—
Fulton	3,110	—	Seneca	450	—
Greene	1,987	—	Steuben	2,996	—
Hamilton	1,819	—	Suffolk	1,341	—
Herkimer	690	—	Sullivan	911	—
Jefferson	1,358	—	Tioga	1,551	—
Kings	3,993	—	Tompkins	1,348	—
Lewis	26,226	—	Ulster	1,666	—
Livingston	1,015	—	Warren	909	—
Madison	1,759	—	Washington	3,237	—
Monroe	2,768	—	Wayne	3,206	—
Montgomery	5,859	—	Westchester	2,466	—
Nassau	866	—	Wyoming	2,299	—
New York	1,000	—	Yates	1,420	—
Niagara	679	—	Totals	133,836	123,638
Oneida	31	—	Odell's plurality	10,798	—

SAW FOUR DROWN NEAR ROCKAWAY.

Bath Beach Skipper Reports Fatality to Crew of Launch Ethel, Whom He Tried to Save.

MYSTERY IN THEIR IDENTITY.

Capt. Henry Van Wort, a retired sea-faring man, of Bath Beach, reported to the Bath Beach police to-day that he saw a naphtha launch containing three men and a boy capsize yesterday afternoon off Rockaway Inlet. All four were drowned before the captain, who was trying to reach them in a sailboat, could tack near them.

According to Van Wort, the launch, which was floating bottom up when he spotted it, bore the name Ethel. The police have not heard of any missing persons in that vicinity, but the area many wealthy cottagers along the shore who have launches, and it is feared that the drowned persons are from that neighborhood.

Van Wort told the police that he was out in a sloop. The wind was high and there was quite a sea running. Some distance away he saw the launch, which was headed toward Jamaica Bay, and seemed to be in difficulty. Van Wort changed his course and beat down against the wind to offer his help. For he realized that they were in a dangerous predicament.

When he was about two hundred yards away the launch, which had been on the verge of being swamped for fifteen minutes, was tossed over by a big wave and the occupants were thrown out. Van Wort had no small boat and the wind made it difficult for him to manoeuvre his sloop. He tried to tack near enough to help the struggling men, but they sank before he could succeed.

Van Wort says that the men looked like yachtmen. There was nothing about the boat except the name on the stern to indicate to whom it might belong.

It is not known why he delayed until to-day before making known the tragedy to the police.

TOOK LIFE WITH ACID.

Unidentified Man Killed Himself in Vacant Lot.

An unidentified man committed suicide by taking carbolic acid in a vacant lot at Sixty-first street and Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, this morning.

He was about forty-five years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height, and of light complexion, and wore a light fedora with black band, blue cutaway suit, white underwear, black stockings, lace shoes and shirt with the initials H. J. The body was removed to the morgue.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday for New York City and vicinity: Fair to-night; rain Thursday; light variable winds, becoming fresh southeast.

ROBERT W. GOELET ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING AUTOMOBILE.

Millionaire Robert W. Goelet, of No. 9 West Seventeenth street, was arrested this afternoon at One Hundredth street and Central Park West by Bicycle Policeman Mallam.

Mr. Goelet was taken before Magistrate Hogan, in the West Side Court. The policeman told the Magistrate that the prisoner had run his automobile at a high rate of speed over a mile of the thoroughfare.

Mr. Goelet said he had been on his way to the bedside of a sick friend in Yonkers. Magistrate Hogan held him for trial in \$100 bail. Thaddeus Sieth, jr., a real-estate broker of No. 285 Park place, Brooklyn, signed the bond.

LATE WINNERS AT LAKESIDE.

Fifth Race—Marcos 1, Worthington 2, Chickadee 3.
Sixth Race—Lou Woods 1, Prue 2, Filiform 3.

AT LATONIA.

Fifth Race—Orpheum 1, Mr. Farnham 2, Music Man 3.
Sixth Race—Moderator 1, Tiburon 2, Ailee 3.

HILL HAS VAIN HUNT FOR HOPE IN THE RETURNS

State Leader Spends the Day in His Office in Albany Scrutinizing the Vote, It Is Supposed, in the Expectation of Making a Contest.

Odell's Plurality Over 10,000 and His Election as Governor Is Safe Though Some of the Democratic Leaders Make Accusations of Fraud Up-State.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Senator Hill was in his office at Albany all day receiving and tabulating the returns. He refused positively to be quoted about the result, but the carefulness with which he is making tabulations is taken as an indication that he is seeking for grounds to make an attack on the credibility of the returns.

The State Board of Canvassers that compiles the returns from the counties consists of the Secretary of State, the Comptroller, Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Engineer, all Republicans, and to them belongs the right to reject or accept any returns objected to by individuals or parties.

William Barnes, jr., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Committee, said this afternoon:

"Any statement that Albany County was purchased by the Republicans is without foundation. Mr. Hill dare not assert that his own people have accepted money. The facts are that the Democrats in this city and county are absolutely disgusted with Mr. Hill, his assistants and their methods in this county. Two and four years ago Mr. Hill's people sold out the county. Perhaps now Mr. Hill's opponents in the party did the same thing."

ODELL FEARS NO CONTEST.

Gov. Odell when told to-day at his home in Newburg that the Democrats contemplated making a contest on the ground that fraudulent votes were cast for him in the country, said:

"Mason is a rainbow chaser. I am willing that a careful canvass of the vote should be made. It will not affect my plurality in the least. I estimate that I am elected by 10,000 or more votes."

On the face of the returns corrected up to 3 P. M. to-day Gov. Odell has been re-elected by a plurality that will exceed 10,000. All reports that later, revised figures have made the result doubtful have no basis beyond the claim of Secretary Mason, of the Democratic State Committee, that 4,000 defective ballots in the Fifth Judicial District were counted for the Republicans.

The Fifth Judicial District includes the counties of Onondaga, Jefferson, Oneida, Oswego, Herkimer and Lewis. In the Associated Press returns and The World's special reports from these districts no such claim up to noon had been made by a single Democratic leader in any one of the counties.

The claim is made here in New York in the following interview with Secretary Mason, who asserts that the election will be contested:

"Gross frauds have been perpetrated in the interior of the State," said Mr. Mason to-day. "We are receiving information of a most surprising nature. Democratic Headquarters will be kept open in this city just the same as during the campaign until these fraudulent matters are gone over and the election is decided as it should be decided, according to the votes of the people."

"Audacious crookedness ruled the election along the lines of the New York Central Railway from Albany to Buffalo. Fraud was rampant in Albany, Onondaga, Oneida and Erie. Attorney-General Davies, according to our positive information, spent \$75,000 in his attempt to be elected Justice of the Supreme Court in the Fifth Judicial District. More than 4,000 defective ballots were counted for the Republican ticket in that district alone."

NO CROOKED WORK IN THIS CITY.

"The Police Commissioner of New York, the Republican leaders—everybody—concede that the election here yesterday was as clean as it is possible for an election to be. Nevertheless, deputies of the State Superintendent of Election arrested scores of innocent citizens, haled them to police courts and subjected them to disgraceful indignities."

"At the same time, in the highly moral interior of the State there were being perpetrated election frauds that would make a New York City ward healer turn pale. There was no interference up there. The crooked Republican manipulators had it all their own way, add how they worked it is apparent from the face of the returns."

"We intend to take the most radical steps to prevent the Republicans from stealing the State by fraud. We shall not concede the re-election of Gov. Odell until every ballot in the disputed districts has been scrutinized. It is our belief that when an honest count is secured Bird S. Coler will be found to have been chosen Governor by a small plurality."

According to Secretary Mason plans for making a contest will be discussed at a meeting to-night at the Hoffman House which will be attended by David B. Hill, Bird S. Coler, John N. Carlisle, Frank Campbell, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and Secretary Mason.

Senator Hill was in Albany up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Evening World called up his office on the long-distance telephone at that hour to get a verification of the report of a contest. Senator Hill declined to discuss the report over the telephone.

"Will the Senator come to New York this afternoon?" his secretary was asked.

"Senator Hill cannot say," was the reply.

"Will he not say whether he contemplates a contest?"

"Senator Hill says he must decline to say anything at this time."

THE MAIN RESULTS OF THE VOTE.

The total plurality in Greater New York for Bird S. Coler was 122,000. In Greater New York the Democrats swept the board. Timothy D. Sullivan was elected to Congress by the trifling majority of 15,606 votes.

Francis Burton Harrison, the butt of Republican jokes throughout the campaign, snowed under James W. Perry in the Republican Thirteenth District by 1,372 votes. Mr. Harrison conducted a clean campaign and probably carries off the honors of the election.

Congressman Goldfogle literally smothered "Smiling Charlie" Adler